Spread of Dengue

2170. PROF. M. SANK/ RALINGAM : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :—

(a) whether dengue has recently raised its ugly head not only in Delhi but in Chennai and Tamil Nadu;

(b) the preventive measures taken by Government to prevent spreading of this disease during the last year as well as current year;

(c) the reasons for spread of dengue in Tamil Nadu; and

(d) the steps taken to treat dengue in Chennai and Tamil Nadu and prevent its spread in other parts of the country ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. P. THAKUR) : (a) to (d) There has been no increase in Dengue cases in Delhi during the current year as compared to the last year. However, increase in number of Dengue cases and deaths in Tamil Nadu has been recorded during the current year as against those during the last year.

Increasing incidence of dengue in Chennai has been due to heavy rain in the month of September, 2001, resulting in creation of additional breeding habitats for the aedes aegypti mosquitos which spread the disease.

Steps taken for control of dengue by the Government of Tamil Nadu and the Central Government include :—

* Dengu/Dengue Haemorrhagic Fever (DHF) has been made a notifiable disease in Delhi.
* Disease and vector surveillance.
* Vector control mainly through source reduction.
* Early diagnosis and case management in hospitals.
* Information, Education and Communication for community awareness.
* Early response to epidemics.
* Regular monitoring and review of Dengue situation by the concerned authorities.
* Deployment of domestic breading checkers for vector surveillance, source reduction and community education.
* Enactment of legislative measures by MCD providing imposition of fine for abetting mosquitogenic conditions.

* Development and issue of guidelines to States for prevention and control of Dengue/DHF and containment of outbreaks.

* A control Room has been established at the Directorate of Natinal Anti Malaria Programme, Delhi for closely monitoring the Dengue situation and providing technical guidelines to the States reporting incidence of Dengue.

Permission for treatment of CGHS beneficiaries in private ayurvedic hospitals

2171. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether in line with Government's stated policy to promote greater use of Indian Systems of Medicine including Ayurveda, Government have recognized the Vaidyaratnam P.S. Varier's Arya Vaidya Sala, Kottakkal for treatment of CGHS beneficiaries;

(b) if so, whether Government have extended this facility to this hospital's branches at Karkardooma, Delhi and elsewhere in the country;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government would permit treatment of CGHS beneficiaries at similar other private Ayurvedic hospitals in Delhi as facilities provided by these specialized private hospitals are not available with Government run Ayurvedic Hospitals/Dispensaries; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. P. THAKUR) : (a) Vaidyaratnam P.S. Varier's Arya Vaidya Sala, Kottakkal is recognized for Ayurvedic treatment under CS (MA) Rules, 1944. Keeping in view the individual merits of the case and the advise of the treating Ayurvedic Physician of CGHS/Govt. hospital, the CGHS beneficiaries are given permission for taking treatment at the Arya Vaidya Sala, Kottakkal.

The said hospital is, however, not recognized under CGHS as Kottakkal is not a CGHS covered city.

(b) to (e) The branches of Arya Vaidya Sala, Kottakal in Delhi and elsewhere in the country are not recognized under CGHS.

There is already a full-fledged CGHS Ayurvedic Hospital at Lodhi Road, New Delhi where CGHS beneficiaries can avail Ayurvedic treatment like